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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden Committee on Foreign Relations United States Senate Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Biden:

The Director has asked me to respond to your letter requesting an unclassified summary of Agency responses to concerns raised by Senator Helms. We believe the most effective forum for discussing those issues will be the 17 February hearing at which the Director will testify. complexity of the issue and the classified information required to describe fully our monitoring capabilities are best considered in a closed session of the Committee. We look forward to a thorough discussion of the issues at the hearing.

> Sincerely, John L. Helgerson Director of Congressional Affairs

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